

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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February 2018

General Meeting

Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 PM

**Hillcrest Lodge
1717 South 13th Street
Mount Vernon**

Take I-5 to Exit 226 (Kincaid Street Exit). Go East up the hill. This is Broadway Street. Continue on Broadway to South 13th Street. Turn right onto South 13th Street and go about 6 blocks. The park is on your right. Turn into the park. The parking lot is in front of the lodge.



Peruvian Woodwork

February Program

Our February program will feature furniture maker Seth Rolland. Seth has been making custom furniture for 25 years, first in Taos, New Mexico and now in Port Townsend, WA. He says "I enjoy pushing the limits of my materials and finding ways to make furniture that is clean-lined, animated, intriguing and fun to live with". Seth has taught at the Port Townsend School of Woodworking and his pieces have been displayed in galleries throughout the country. His sunburst table was featured on the "How They Did It" article of **Fine Woodworking** in Aug 2010. This backpage article was titled **A Slice of Genius**. Seth will be presenting slides showing the progression of his work, discussing early influences and how he got into woodworking, finding inspiration and translating that into designs. He will detail his ideas for developing designs from idea to completion. He may also discuss his workshop, working efficiently, and marketing and the business side of woodworking.



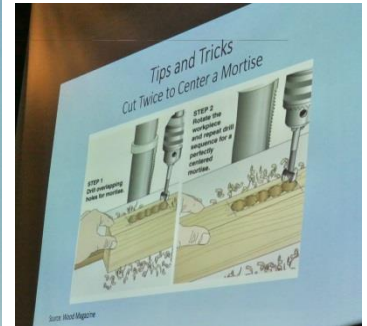
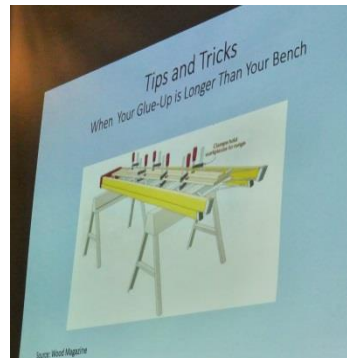
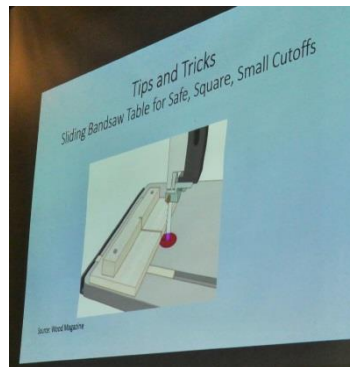
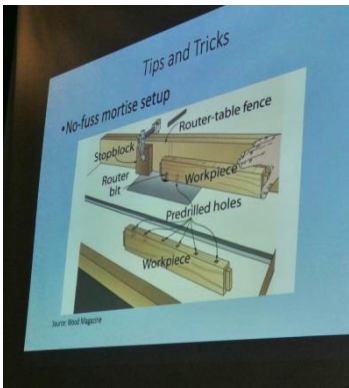
NCWA General Meeting Notes - January 2, 2018

- The meeting was convened on 1/2/2018, 7 PM at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon
- New club membership cards were distributed to all NCWA members. NCWA business cards were also available.
- It was announced that Bill Baer passed away following a long illness. At his request, there will be no services. Members of NCWA will miss him.
- Several new members and guests were introduced, including Steve Winslow, Wes Taylor, John Ballenger, Ryan McBride, Jenny Bergeron, Art Tucker, Jeff Phillips, Jeff Brandenburg, and Jim Ferguson
- Treasurer Al Ashley reported that the club has money.
- Gary Danilson announced that the NCWA library has 25 new titles. New books have yellow stickers to make it easier to spot them. He reminded members of the two-month checkout period for books.
- Mike Titus, chair of the web page committee, announced that the NCWA web page will soon have a discussion board and a way to post photos of projects.
- Greg Koenker, education committee chair, mentioned that cabinet-construction classes that Bill Baer had signed up to teach were canceled. Also, the education committee will have a meeting on January 24th to discuss the educational program and to address points raised by the long-range planning meetings held the previous year. Tom Dolese pointed out that our February speaker, Seth Rolland, is one of the most talented woodworkers he knows and his presentation should be very worthwhile. (He also will be ordering aluminum bar clamps if anyone wants some.)
- Bring and brag:
 - Laura Matthews and Rick Donovan showed off beautiful block prints that they made after taking Jim Redding's block-printing class.
 - Bill Ballentine and Greg Robinson flaunted beautiful boxes that they made as part of Jerry Couchman's box-making class. Bill's was made from Sapele and Greg's was Wenge and Maple with lovely branch and leaf marquetry.
 - A bearded David Helm exhibited an angle-sided box made from bearded elm (and with black and claro walnut).
 - Bill Epler displayed an oak (oak?) bagel slicer. He finished it with walnut oil.
 - Charley Drake brought a tiny, lidded container with a finial that he turned from cherry.
 - Phil Humphries made a coopering plane from hard maple in Val Matthews' handplane class. The other students' planes had flat bottoms. Phil's did not.
 - Jim Scott's dovetailed box was made from spalted meranti. He also showed off a gorgeous cedar burl box finished with wax.
- Raffle: Greg Robinson was in charge of the raffle. Several items were raffled including three pieces of Koa, a depth gauge, and hardware sales t-shirts. (As usual, I won nothing.)
- The main presentation was given by Jim Bucknell on "Woodworking Tips and Tricks". Jim gave a fun and informative talk with too many tips to list. The ones that were new to me included – making a cross-cut sled for the bandsaw, spraying cyanoacrylate glue caps with WD-40 to keep them from sticking, and using a drill bit, a small piece of straight wood and a Wixi angle gauge to set the height of a bit in a router table.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

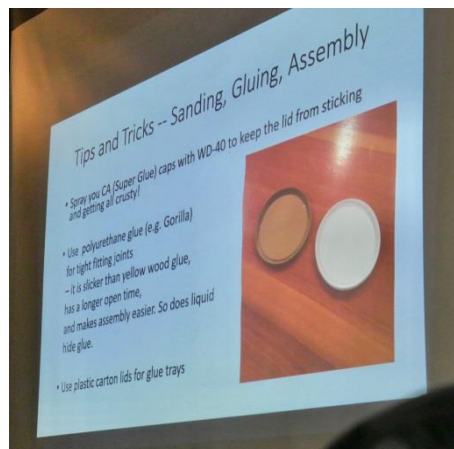


View all January pictures at [CLICK HERE](#)

January Woodworking Tips and Tricks



Jim Bucknell demonstrating his tips and tricks



Bring and Brag Boxes were popular at the January meeting





WoodFest is an annual celebration of woodworking and student achievements, held April 14th & 15th during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. As a sanctioned event of the Tulip Festival, WoodFest is a great way to begin enjoying the many activities throughout Skagit County. The show is open Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM and Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM and Admission is free!

WoodFest will be held at the Sedro-Woolley High School gymnasium, 1235 Third St., in Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284. This event draws a variety of vendors and display booths including chainsaw carvers, wood turners, traditional carvers, woodcrafters, artisans, high school woodworking achievements and educational exhibits.

WoodFest invites schools from around the State to bring their woodworking crafts for the Student Competition. Prizes will be awarded for Best in Show categories.

In addition to all the wonderful wood-related vendors, visitors may also bid on silent auction items, participate in the raffle for handcrafted items, and enjoy the food and beverages served by the Senior Parents Group of Sedro-Woolley High School.

Each year at WoodFest, the Northwest Corner Woodworking Association, Toys For Tots and Northwest Washington Wood Turners participate with the goal of encouraging and stimulating interest in woodworking by demonstrations and by showing pieces created by the local woodworking associations. Everyone with a passion for woodworking needs to attend.

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Old Newsletters Wanted

Did You Know? The NCWA website has archives of our newsletters going back to 2001. We are missing a few issues since 2001. If anyone has electronic copies of these issues, could you please email them to me?

August 2009
September 2008
August 2008
March 2007
November 2006
January 2006
August 2001

I would also be interested in hearing from anyone who has electronic copies of newsletters from 2000 or before. Please contact Mike Titus at mike@mike-titus.com. Thank you!

Coming Up in March

Tim Celeski is a designer, furniture maker and fine artist. He teaches techniques in Digital Woodworking and is a contributing editor on the topic for Popular Woodworking Magazine. In the March presentation he'll present examples of his work, discuss his career as a furniture maker and reveal how digital woodworking has changed the way that he works and has opened up in a new focus: fine art.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2018

LAST CHANCE TO PAY YOUR 2018 DUES - \$35.00

The February meeting will be your last chance to pay your 2018 membership dues. Any member who hasn't paid their dues will be dropped from membership. Your fellow woodworkers enjoy your company so please don't let this happen.

If you can't make it to the February meeting please mail your \$35.00 dues check (payable to NCWA) to NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

For those members who have paid their 2018 dues, membership cards will be available for pick up at the February meeting.

SPECIAL N.C.W.A EVENT

The Skagit County Historic Museum is hosting an exhibition, 'OLD TIME TOOLS & NEW FANGLED FURNITURE' from February 23rd to May 13th. The exhibition will feature the new work of Skagit County furniture maker Stuart Welch. His furniture reflects a high level of craftsmanship and imagination. This work can be previewed at www.StuartWelchFurniture.com.

Stuart has exhibited internationally and in prominent galleries here in the U.S. In addition, the exhibition will feature vintage woodworking machines and tools that will form the backdrop to the process of furniture making.

A series of lectures are planned to explain the aspects of design, construction and tool use.

A presentation, 'EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT WOODEN FURNITURE, BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHO TO ASK' will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Museum.

NCWA MEMBERS ARE ESPICIAALLY INVITED TO ATTEND! By showing your current N.C.W.A. membership card, you will receive a **special \$2.00 admission fee** instead of the regular \$5.00 admission. To aid the Museum in planning the event, please let **Jerry Anderson** (360-770-8559 or j.anderson9574@gmail.com) know if you are going to attend.

Important Report on Website Status and Changes

1) HTTPS — All traffic to-and-from the website is now encrypted using HTTPS (instead of the old, unencrypted HTTP). Anyone trying to visit the old HTTP site will be automatically redirected to the new HTTPS site. To improve the overall security of the Internet, browser manufacturers are starting to display more-and-more alarming notices when users visit unencrypted websites. Also, Google is giving better search engine placement for encrypted websites. Finally, using HTTPS prevents certain internet-service-providers from injecting ads when their users browse the web (currently this is rare, but it has been done in certain markets by Comcast).

2) Photo Galleries — The old photo galleries have been removed. These galleries were "inherited" from the old website maintained by Mike New, and haven't been updated since then (circa 2011). It is expected that members will use the new "Bring and Brag" forum to post their own project photos. If this is found to be inadequate, we can evaluate other photo gallery modules that will allow users to post their own content.

3) Bylaws — The bylaws page has been updated with the changes adopted by the membership in May 2017 (thanks Al).

4) Traffic — here are traffic stats for the complete years of 2016 and 2017:

2016: 2,976 unique visits, 11,722 total page views

2017: 2,059 unique visits, 11,123 total page views

In English, the number of visits to the website fell by 31% during 2017, but those people who did visit the website viewed more pages-per-visit than during 2016.

The most popular pages are (in descending order): Home, Newsletters, Classes, About Us, and the Calendar.

I expect that traffic to the website will increase significantly once the discussion forums are active.

Thank you, Mike Titus

THE BEST OF THE WEB

In the first installment we explored Forums. They were a great place to start. Today we shall explore Blogs. Think of blogs as an on-line woodworking diary. They come in a variety of flavors - some are project oriented, some are technique oriented, and some are tool oriented.

Try these two to get started. You will be able to access several sites from here. And they can lead you to others.

<http://norsewoodsmith.com/> - A daily dose of woodworking from a variety of sources.

<https://www.popularwoodworking.com/popular-woodworking-blog-network/> - Read the musings of the prolific Christopher Schwartz. Also check out the blog roll to access many other worthwhile bloggers.

A few of my favorites are:

<http://www.rpwoodwork.com/blog/> - A high quality blog covering both machine and handwork.

<https://paulsellers.com/woodworking-blog/paul-sellers-blog/> - A prolific English woodworker geared towards hand work.

Next time we will conclude with the final installment. If you like what you see, let me know. If you have some to recommend, please share. I can be reached at: andf32plr@yahoo.com

- Andrew Pellar

2018 Class Schedule

Hello from your education committee!

The NCWA Class schedule is listed below.

Please contact Carol Osterman to register at carol@akylafarms.com or by phone 360-941-1533

Remember, classes are \$10.00 each, which is payable in cash to the instructor at the time of the class.

Date	Class	Instructor	Spaces Status
Feb 3	Block Plane Tune-up	Andrew Pellar	Full
Feb 10	Cabinet Carcase Construction	TBD	Full
Feb 17	Cabinet Doors & Drawers	TBD	4 Spaces
Feb 24	Table Leg Design & Construction	Greg Robinson	Full
Mar 3	Introduction to Hand Planes	Andrew Pellar	Full
Mar 10	Toy Making 101	John Braun/Jerry Anderson	Full
Mar 17	Shop Tour	No classes	
Mar 24	Make a Bandsaw Box	Phil Humphries	Full
Mar 31	Photograph Your Projects	Charley Drake	2 Spaces
April 7	Woodfest		
April 14,21,28	Live Edge Mitered Box Construction	Jerry Couchman	4 Spaces
April 21	Veneering Techniques	Greg Koenker	5 Spaces
April 28	Wood Bock Printmaking	Jim Redding	4Spaces

NCWA Board of Directors Meeting - January 10 2017

- President Dale Brandland convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Members Present: John Braun, Bill Rawls, Mike Chaplin, Al Ashley, John Bellinger, George Knutson, David Strauss, Dale Brandland, Phil Choquette, Greg Robinson, Greg Koenker, Tim Wynn, Kent Crouse
- Others Present: Jerry Anderson, Andrew Pellar, Mike Titus, Bill Pierce, Tom Thornton, David Kohles, Tom Dolese, Jim Hickey, David Helm
- Presentation and Discussion on Liability. David Kohles an NCWA member who is a retired attorney that specialized in personal injury liability gave an extremely informative presentation on club and individual liability. Some of his observations were:
 - NCWA volunteer instructors would not be liable if an accident occurred during a class as long as the NCWA has liability insurance. (Note: NCWA does have liability insurance)
 - The pre-injury liability waivers that NCWA has class participants sign only serves to protect the insurance company. He suggested that the waiver might not be necessary.
 - David did suggest some minor changes to the waiver if NCWA determined that the waiver should still be used.
 - NCWA should obtain a Directors and Officers Policy. This coverage is separate from the club's current general liability insurance policy. (Board agreed and is funded in the 2018 budget)
- Bill Pierce presented an opportunity for NCWA to get a special demonstration and class by Mary May, an internationally recognized expert on carving. The demonstration and class would cost NCWA \$200 with the remainder of the fee and expenses to be covered by participant fees at \$15/person. The demo and class will be on May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend). The Board approved committing \$200 for this class.
- Treasurer Report:
 - Al Ashley indicated that we needed to update the authorized signatories for the NCWA's checking account. He presented a motion, seconded by Jerry Anderson: "that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the following officers of the club to sign checks and drafts for funds of the club which are on deposit in club accounts maintained at Skagit State Bank. This change in account signers is required following the election of new officers and directors for the calendar year 2018. Officers to be added as account signers:

Dale Brandland, President
George Knutson, Vice-President
Former officers to be removed as account signers:
Charley Drake, (past) President
David A. Strauss, (past) Vice-President
The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
 - Al Ashley gave a presentation on the NCWA 2018 Budget. There was an in-depth discussion on budget priorities and a very productive discussion on the budget for the Raffle. Two adjustments were made to the budget. The Website budget was increased from \$100 to \$120 and the Shop Tours budget was increased from \$250 to \$300. (The Raffle ended up being funded at \$900 for ten general meeting raffles). After discussion, Mike Chaplin moved and Bill Rawls seconded that the budget be approved as adjusted by the Board. The Budget was passed unanimously.
- Jerry Anderson presented a special a special invitation from the Skagit County Historical Museum to the NCWA to attend the March 10th exhibition by Stuart Welch on "Everything you want to know about Wood Furniture but didn't know who to ask!" NCWA members will receive a special \$2 admission fee by showing their membership card.
- Mike Titus reported that his web page committee was finalizing the details of adding a pass word protected forum to the NCWA Web page.
- Tim Wynn indicated that he would be gone for the February General Meeting and Board of Director's meeting and needed someone to take notes for him. (David Shull to be asked to take minutes???)
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Vendor Support Groups

NORTH

Hardware Sales	2034 James St.	Bellingham	hardwaresales.net	360-734-6140
Bellingham Millwork Supply	3879 Hannegan Road	Bellingham	Bellinghammillwork.com	360-734-5700
Hard Woods To Get	1405 "E" Street	Bellingham	hardwoodstoget.com	360-738-9140
Windsor Plywood	1208 Iowa St.	Bellingham	windsorplywood.com	360-676-1025

WEST

Sebo's Hardware	1102 Commercial Ave.	Anacortes	sebos.com	360-293-4575
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SOUTH

Martin Lbr/True Value	2730 Broadway	Everett	martinlumbereverett.com	425-259-3134
Arlington Hdw & Lumber	215 N. Olympiac Ave.	Arlington	arlingtonhardware.com	360-435-5523

CENTRAL

Karl's Paints	1515 Freeway Drive	Mt. Vernon	karlspaints.com	360-336-2855
Mt. Vernon Bldg Center	815 Roosevelt Way	Mt. Vernon	mvbc-online.com	360-424-9073
Cedar Creek Lumber	950 B Fountain St.	Burlington	cclumber.com	360-757-6343
Sherwin-Williams Paint	1526 Riverside Drive	Mt. Vernon	sherwin-williams.com	360-428-3775

EAST

E & E Lumber	201 W. State Street	Sedro Woolley	eelumber.com	360-856-0825
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SPECIALTY

Edensaw Woods	211 Seton Rd.	Port Townsend	edensaw.com	360-385-7878
FASTCAP	5016 Pacific Highway	Ferndale	fastcap.com	888-443-3748
Hartville Tool	Website only		hartvilletool.com	800-345-2396
Rockler Woodworking	832 NE Northgate Way	Seattle	rockler.com	206-634-3222
Woodworker's Supply	Catalog only		pro.woodworker.com	800-645-9292
Woodcraft	5963 Corson Ave.	Seattle	woodcraft.com	206-767-6394

Officers and Chairpersons 2018

President	Dale Brandland	(360) 961-0102	Programs	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993
Vice President	George Knutson	(425) 753-4476	Education	Greg Koenker	(360) 543-7090
Past President	Dave Strauss	(360) 391-6367	Librarian	Gary Danilson	(360) 540-5768
Secretary	Tim Wynn	(360) 739-0515	Newsletter	Jane Wynn	(360) 224-7001
Treasurer	Al Ashley	(360) 474-9711	Membership	Gary Danilson	(360) 540-5768
Webmaster	Mike Titus	(360) 525-4131	Toys for Tots	John Braun	(360) 708-0055
Member at Large	Phil Choquette	(360) 675-8320	Member at Large	Kent Crouse	(360) 224-5532
Member at Large	Sascha Vandette	(360) 755-3043	Member at Large	Mike Chaplin	(360) 305-5112
Shop Tours	John Bellinger	(360) 708-4036	Shows	David Vandette	(360) 755-3043

Future Events

February 6	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
February 14	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
February 17	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
March 6	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
March 14	Tuesday	NCWA Board Meeting
March 24	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
April 3	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting

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NCWA NEWSLETTER

The NCWA is open to all interested woodworkers, and was formed to promote high standards in woodworking, woodworking education and showcasing local woodworking. Meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Location is announced in the newsletter. Dues are \$35 per year, payable to NCWA, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. Newsletter submissions are welcomed and are due the 3rd Saturday of the month. Submit by email to janekirstine@comcast.net with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.